

Texas National Disaster Resilience Competition: At a Glance

In a nutshell:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in conjunction with the Rockefeller Foundation, is conducting the National Disaster Resiliency Competition (NDRC). The Texas General Land Office (GLO) will serve as the Applicant for the State of Texas and will be the lead coordinator in the development of all application materials. This competition is designed to identify target areas, unmet needs, and potential projects that address risks and vulnerabilities to future extreme events, such as wildfires and severe flooding, which have impacted Texas over the past five years. The goal of the competition is to engage in projects that will improve the ability of communities and regions to withstand and more quickly recover from future disasters. The competition consists of two phases: a framing phase and an implementation-design phase. The State must demonstrate in the framing phase that it has identified stakeholder interests and potential target areas for resilience in order to be invited into the implementation phase. The comprehensive Phase 1 NDRC application is due on **March 15, 2015**.

Who is eligible?

Projects can come from sub-county areas within the 158 major disaster declared counties in Texas from 2011, 2012, or 2013. This map identifies those counties and their disaster declarations: <http://ow.ly/GiG5n>

What are the criteria?

Projects and target areas must relate to the disaster declaration and address nine thresholds. Three of the most important are: 1) Target areas that are most impacted within eligible counties, with 2) Identified distress factors that 3) Demonstrate unmet recovery needs. Details on these three thresholds are found here: <http://ow.ly/GiGbY>

How much funding can Texas win?

The State can receive anywhere from **\$1,000,000** up to **\$500,000,000** for project(s) implementation.

Next Steps:

The GLO will conduct outreach between December 2014 and January 2015 to all 158 eligible counties. The GLO will then work with state and local agencies and organizations to identify sub-county target areas that would benefit from proposed NDRC activities. In late January and early February 2015, the GLO will coordinate with partners and work collaboratively to develop the application in accordance with specific competition requirements. The GLO will also publish, and make publicly available, the required application content for an open comment period of 15 days, prior to electronic application submittal on March 15, 2015.

For More Information:

Sign up for ongoing updates: <http://ow.ly/GiG06>

HUD NDRC Information: <https://www.hudexchange.info/cdbg-dr/resilient-recovery/>

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Important Dates:

January 12, 2015: GLO Webinar on Texas NDRC Application [SIGN UP HERE](#)

January 20, 2015: HUD Resilience Academy

February 23, 2015: Post Application Materials for Public Comment

March 13, 2015: Submit Final Texas NDRC Application